# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2718
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TELECOM. FACILITIES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) The number of telephone exchanges, STD/ISD/PCOs booths and telephone connections provided in the rural areas of the country during 1998-99 and till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications lying pending for the installation of telephones as well as STD/ISD/PCOs booths as on date;

(c) the time by which the said applications are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the number of said exchanges, booths and telephone connections proposed to be provided in the country during 1999-2000 , State-wise?

## Answer

Minister of State for Communications

( Shri Tapan Sikdar)

a)During 1998-99, 1337 rural exchanges were provided . During 1999-2000, upto 29.2.2000, 1011 rural telephone exchanges and 8.2 lakh telephones have been provided. State-wise data is in the enclosed Annex-I. Information for telephones provided in 1998-99 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. Separate data is not maintained for STD/ISD/PCO booths in rural areas. However, in whole of the country, 92740 STD/ISD/PCO booths were provided during 1998-99 and 92391 during 1999-2000 upto 31.1.2000. State-wise information is given in Annex-II.

b) In rural areas in the country, the total waiting list for telephones is 17.6 lakhs as on 1.3.2000. A total of about 1.75 lakh applications are pending for STD/ISD/PCO booths in the country.

c) Provision of telephones and STD/ISD/PCO booths is a continuous process. The Government plans are to provide telephones on demand by the year 2002.

d)The target is to provide 1902 new telephone exchanges in the rural areas and 82,135 STD/ISD/PCO booths in rural and urban areas during 1999-2000. Circle-wise details are enclosed in Annex-III. There are no separate targets for telephone connections in rural areas. However, about 10 lakh telephone connections are likely to be provided in rural areas during 1999-2000.

ANNEX-I

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2718 FOR 13TH MARCH,2000 REGARDING TELECOM. FACILITIES.

State-wise number of Rural telephone exchanges provided during 1998-99 and till date (upto 29.2.2000) and telephone connections provided during 1999-2000 (upto 29.2.2000)

| S.No. | Circle/State | 1998-99 (uptto 29.2.2000) Rural Tel. Exchanges | 1999-2000 Rural Tel. Exchanges | Telephone Connections |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 59 | 145 | 153068 |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar | 3 | 1 | 21461 |
| 3 | Assam | 48 | 28 | 43832 |
| 4 | Bihar | 32 | 19 | 15896 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 72 | 66 | 54069 |
| 6 | Haryana | 63 | 23 | 27047 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 34 | 39 | 26508 |
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | 6 | 4 | 2339 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 61 | 48 | 100273 |
| 10 | Kerala | 33 | 35 | 127368 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | 39 | 25 | 7659 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 208 | 195 | 62000 |
| 13 | Goa | 3 | 3 | 900 |
| 14 | Arunachal Pr. | 13 | 2 | 2742 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Manipur | 2 | 1 | 637 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 9 | 0 | 1537 |
| 17 | Mizoram | 3 | 1 | 556 |
| 18 | Nagaland | 1 | 0 | 599 |
| 19 | Tripura | 5 | 1 | 938 |
| 20 | Orissa | 26 | 11 | 12875 |
| 21 | Punjab | 93 | 15 | 31833 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 138 | 76 | 33246 |
| 23 | Tamilnadu | 50 | 42 | 12058 |
| 24 | UP(EAST) | 174 | 119 | 25469 |
| 25 | UP(WEST) | 61 | 75 | 56000 |
| 26 | West Bengal | 93 | 35 | 56400 |
| 27 | Sikkim | 8 | 2 | 3200 |
| | Total | 1337 | 1011 | 820910 |

ANNEX-II

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2718 FOR 13TH MARCH,2000 REGARDING TELECOM. FACILITIES.

Number of STD/ISD/PCO booths provided during 1998-99 and upto 31.1.2000 during 1999-2000.

| S.No. | Circle/State | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 (Upto 31.1.2000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 10048 | 12775 |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar | 76 | 54 |
| 3 | Assam | 980 | 1204 |
| 4 | Bihar | 2329 | 3132 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 6008 | 7910 |
| 6 | Haryana | 1241 | 2467 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 454 | 580 |
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | 408 | 701 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 5259 | 5100 |
| 10 | Kerala | 2433 | 3021 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | 4758 | 2769 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 10282 | 7733 |
| 13 | North East | 830 | 449 |
| 14 | Orissa | 888 | 844 |
| 15 | Punjab | 3162 | 2081 |
| 16 | Rajasthan | 4887 | 2172 |
| 17 | Tamilnadu | 3199 | 2167 |
| 18 | UP(EAST) | 8096 | 6239 |
| 19 | UP(WEST) | 2276 | 3412 |
| 20 | West Bengal | 2357 | 2695 |
| 21 | Calcutta | 5013 | 4299 |
| 22 | Chennai | 2946 | 6785 |
| 23 | MTNL, Delhi | 4121 | 1442 |
| 24 | MTNL, Mumbai | 10689 | 12360 |
| | Total | 92740 | 92391 |

ANNEX-III

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2718 FOR 13TH MARCH,2000 REGARDING TELECOM. FACILITIES.

Targets for Rural telephone exchanges and STD/ISD/PCOs Booths (Rural + Urban) for the year 1999-2000.

| S.No. | Circle | Rural Exchanges | STD/ISD/PCOs Booths |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 270 | 8500 |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar | 6 | 50 |
| 3 | Assam | 40 | 1100 |
| 4 | Bihar | 56 | 4000 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 100 | 4500 |
| 6 | Haryana | 60 | 1300 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 48 | 300 |
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | 24 | 450 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 83 | 4600 |
| 10 | Kerala | 57 | 1900 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | 50 | 5100 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 331 | 6300 |
| 13 | Goa | 4 | - |

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| 14 | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 | 80 |
| 15 | Manipur | 5 | 100 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 9 | 160 |
| 17 | Mizoram | 5 | 80 |
| 18 | Nagaland | 5 | 105 |
| 19 | Tripura | 7 | 210 |
| 20 | Orissa | 21 | 700 |
| 21 | Punjab | 100 | 2300 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 100 | 4400 |
| 23 | Tamilnadu | 40 | 4000 |
| 24 | UP(EAST) | 327 | 8700 |
| 25 | UP(WEST) | 75 | 2700 |
| 26 | West Bengal | 68 | 1700 |
| 27 | Sikkim | 6 | - |
| 28 | Calcutta | - | 4000 |
| 29 | Chennai | - | 3000 |
| 30 | MTNL,Delhi | - | 3500 |
| 31 | MTNL,Mumbai | - | 8800 |
| | Total | 1902 | 82135 |